

Criminal Justice

Policy & Planning Division



Changes in the prison population

On-going analysis



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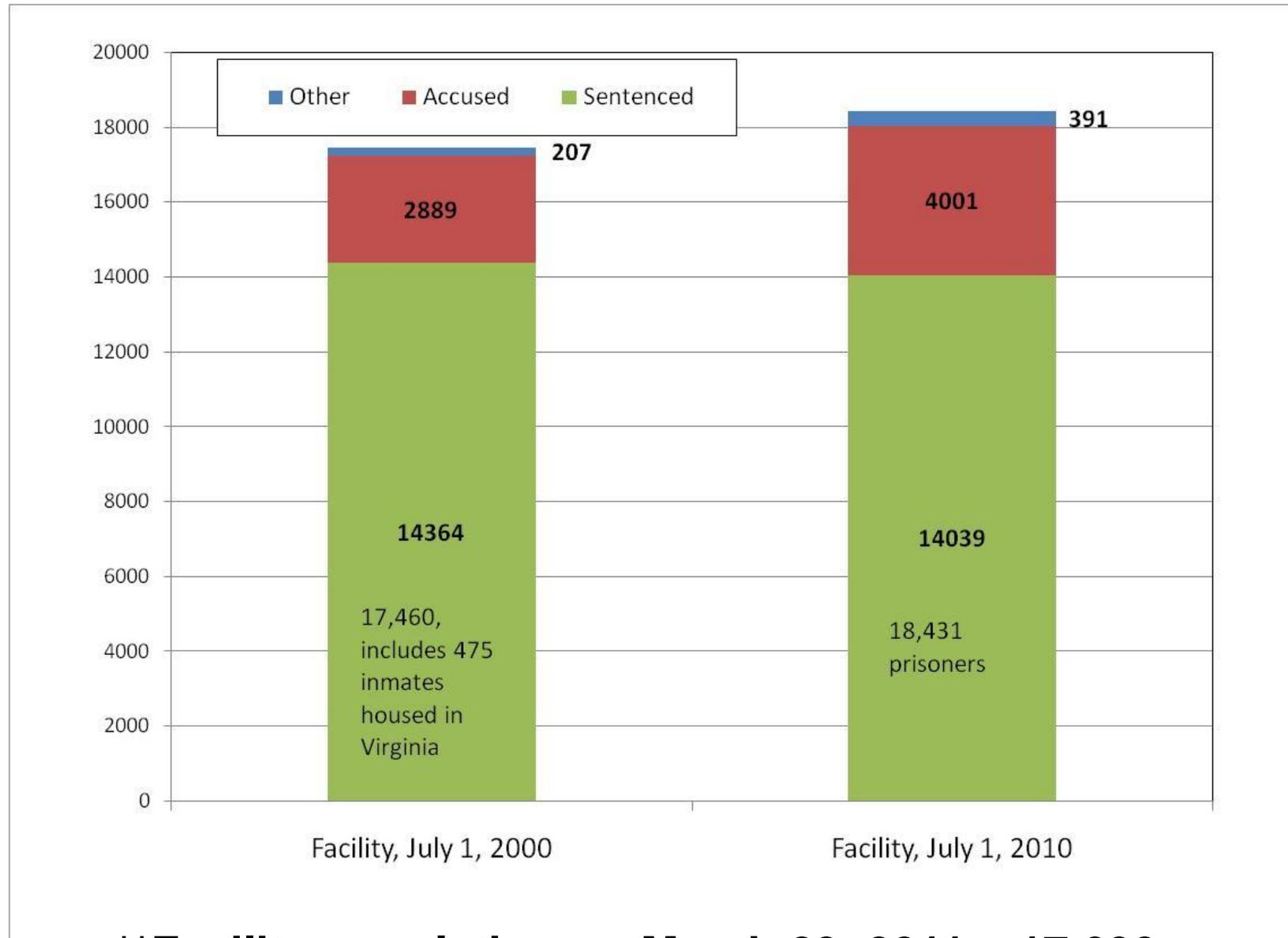
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Changes in the state prison population

2010 Census data for CT will be released shortly

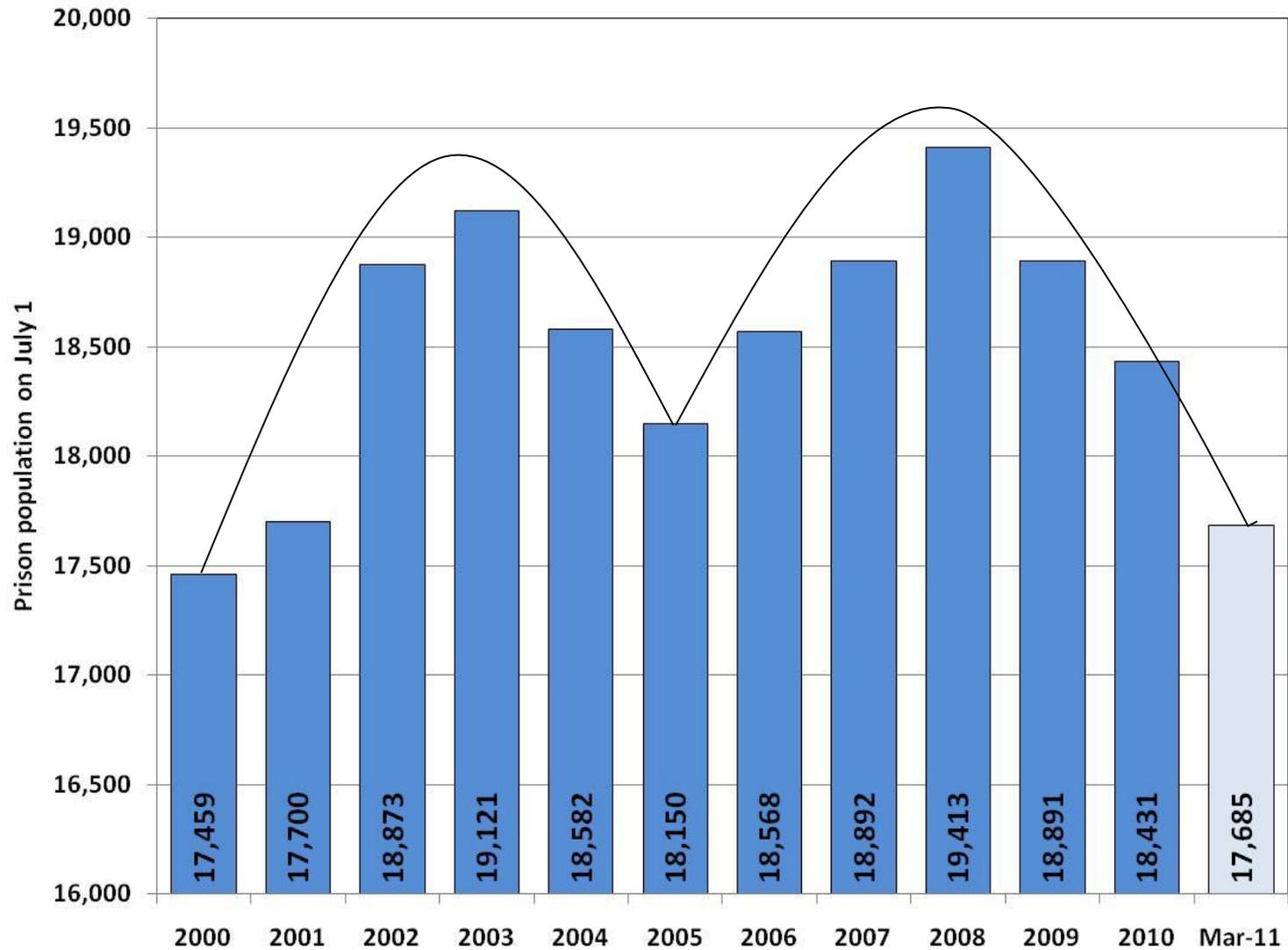
- *The Census provides a valuable snapshot of the nation's population every 10 years.*
- *As that data becomes available, OPM is beginning to look at changes in the prison population to see whether we can correlate overall changes in the state to changes in the criminal justice system.*
 - *Aging population, ethnicity, in-state mobility*
- *The first group we are assessing are the population of accused prisoners.*
- *This is part of an on-going research project.*

Prison population on July 1, 2000 and 2010

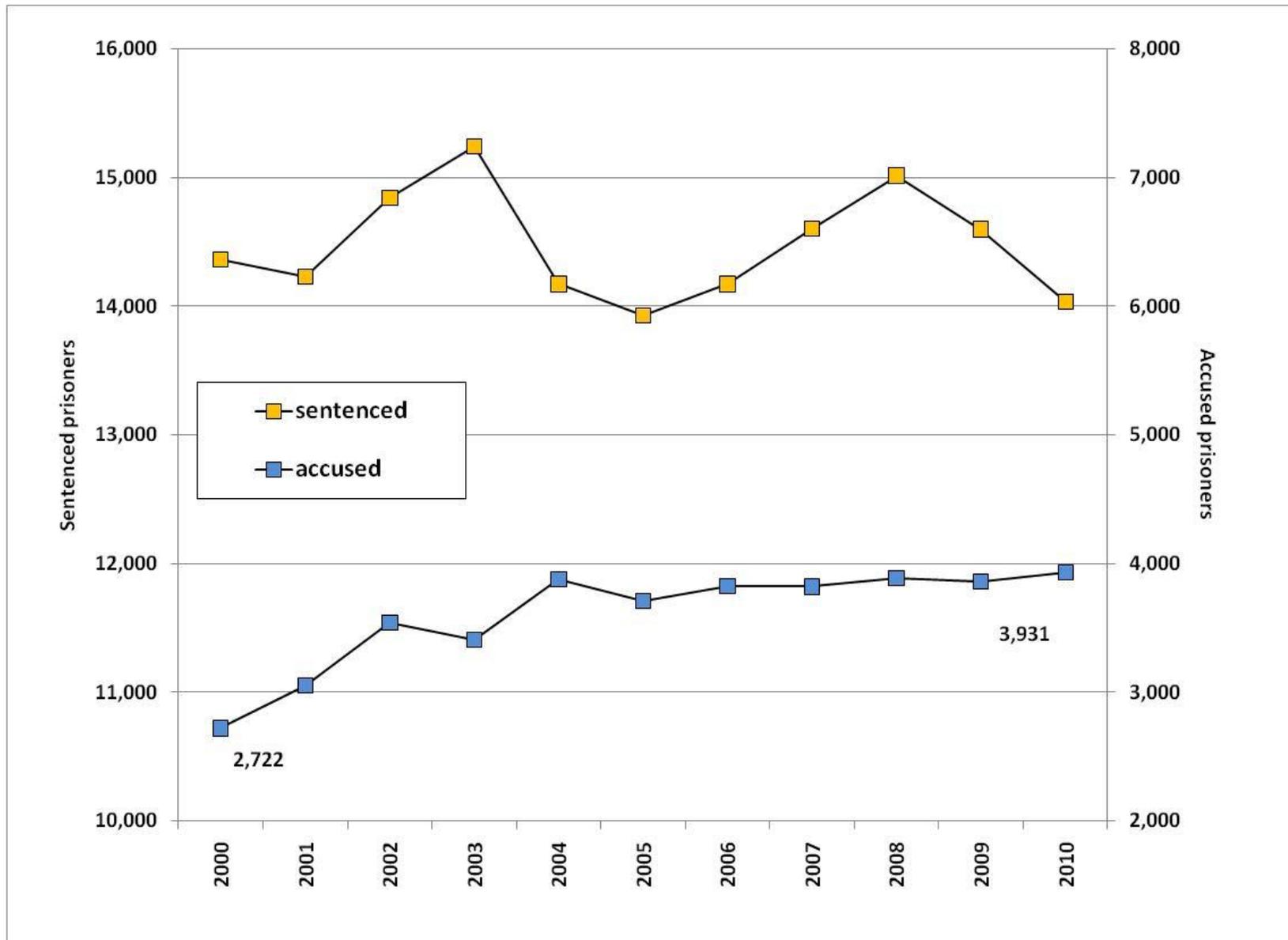


****Facility population on March 23, 2011 – 17,699**

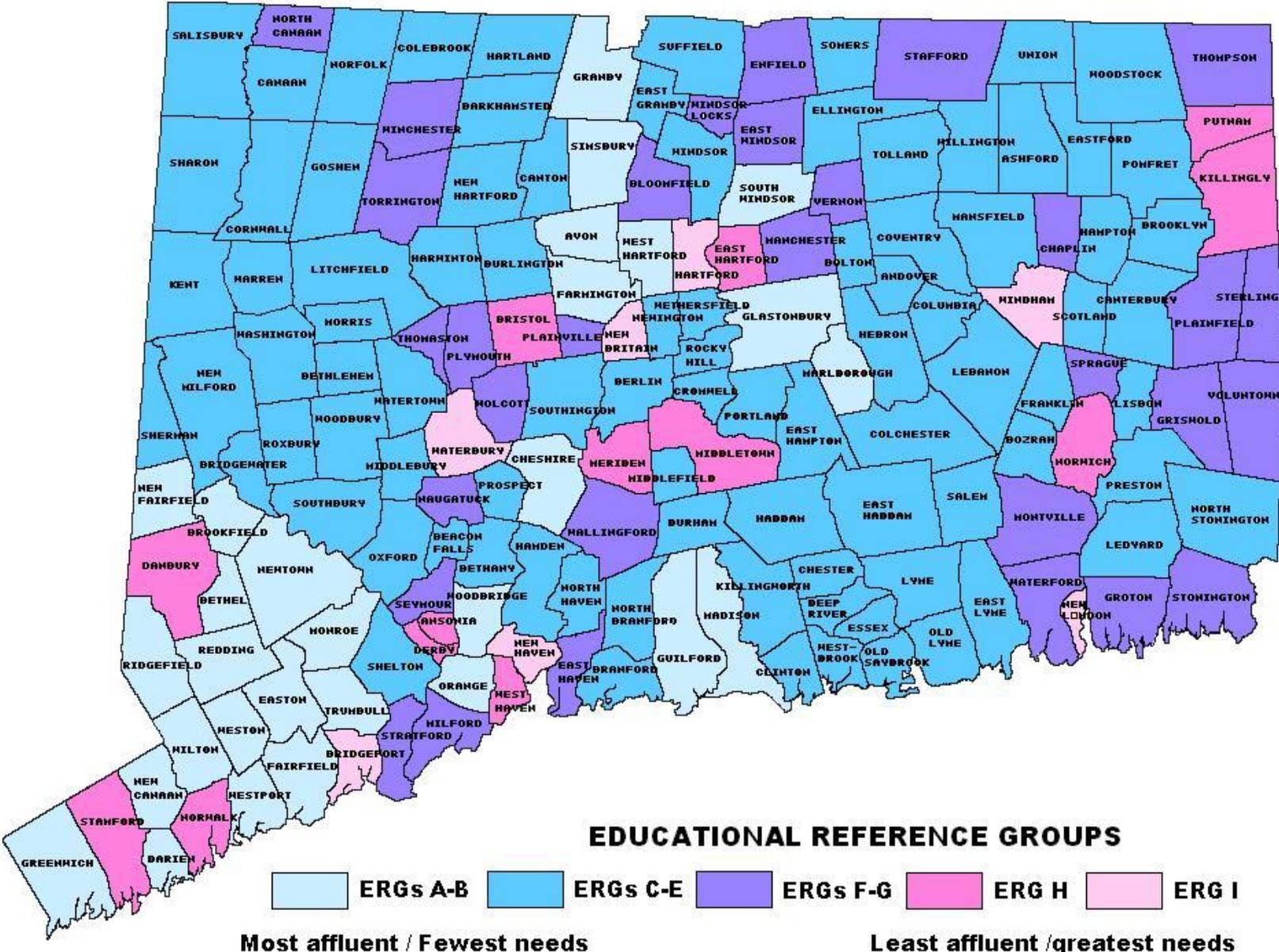
Total prison population on July 1



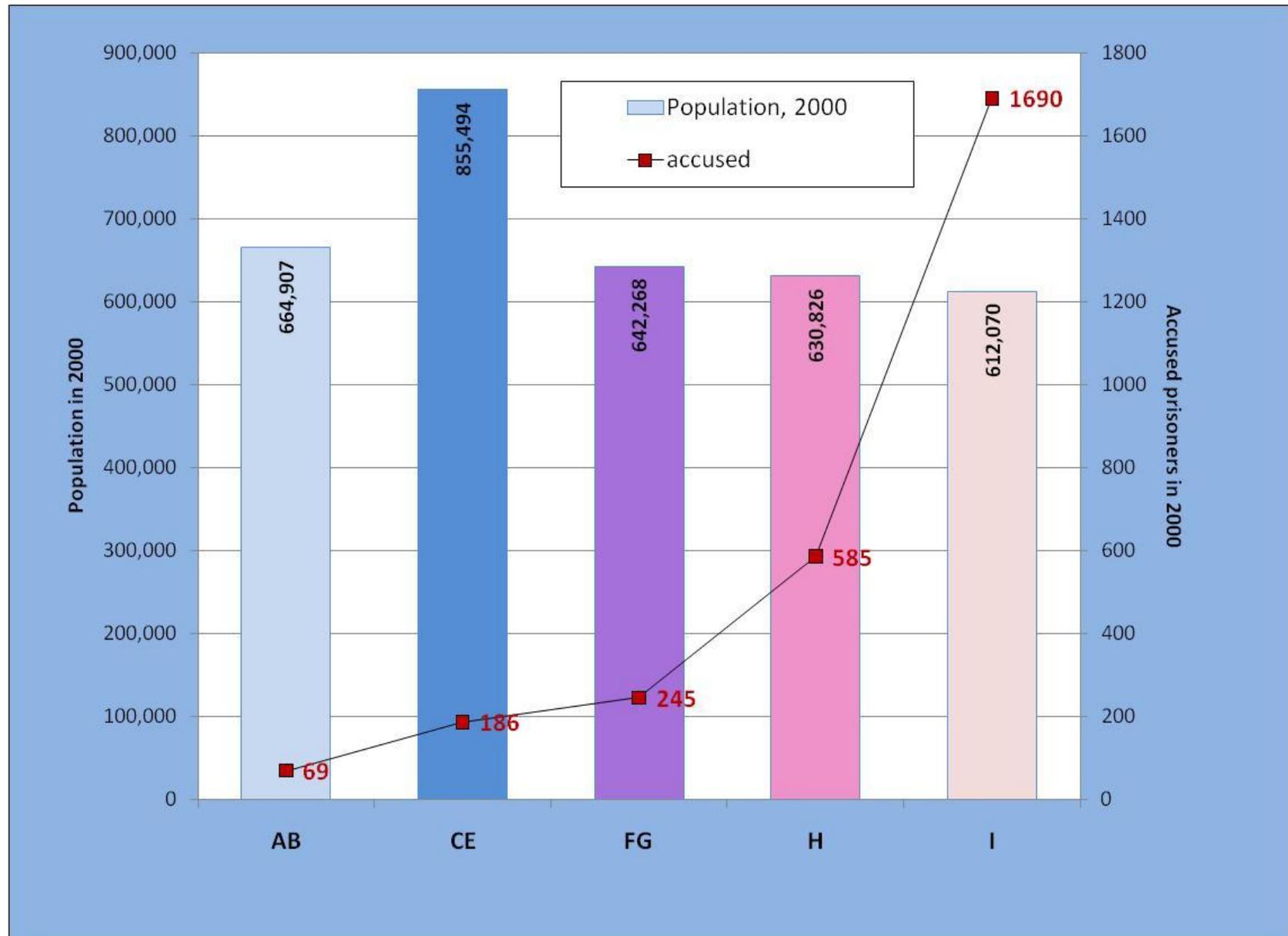
Accused and sentenced prisoners on July 1



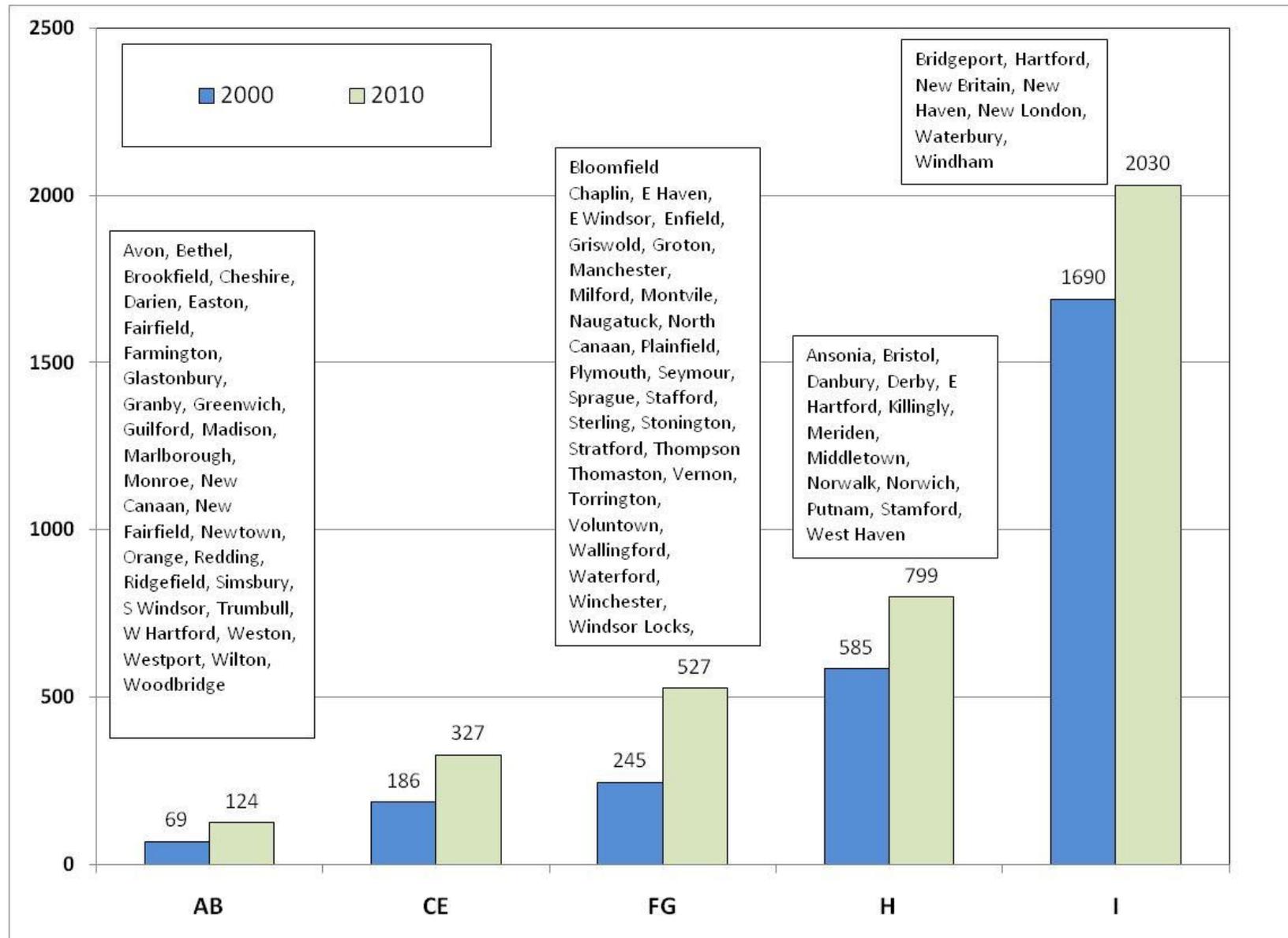
Education reference groups (ERGs) in CT



The pre-trial prison population and ERGs, 2000



The accused prison population, 2000 and 2010



The accused prison population, 2000 and 2010

	All accused prisoners	Connecticut residents by ERG					Non CT
		AB	CE	FG	H	I	
July 1, 2000	2,919	69	186	245	585	1,690	144
July 1, 2010	4,023	124	327	527	799	2,030	216
10 year change, %	38%	80%	76%	115%	37%	20%	50%

- The accused prison population in CT grew by 38% over the past decade.
- In 2000, accused prisoner reported coming from 123 towns; in 2010, they reported coming from 142 towns,
- In percentage terms, the greatest growth was observed in ERG towns FG (115%)
- In terms of total accused offenders, Group I towns continue to have more offenders than any other ERG group.
- In 2000, 81% of accused CT resident prisoners were from ERG I or ERG F towns. By 2010, that figure was down to 74%.

Towns with the greatest growth

Top 15 towns in growth of accused prisoners

Home town	Accused, 2000	Accused, 2010	Inmate difference	Percent difference
Hartford	365	770	405	111%
New Britain	128	215	87	68%
Manchester	28	83	55	196%
Norwich	59	109	50	85%
East Hartford	60	104	44	73%
Middletown	28	72	44	157%
Waterbury	212	251	39	18%
Meriden	56	87	31	55%
Windham	31	58	27	87%
Bristol	48	74	26	54%
Bloomfield	19	36	17	89%
West Hartford	14	31	17	121%
Milford	6	21	15	250%
Naugatuck	15	30	15	100%
Danbury	28	42	14	50%
Top 15 towns	1097	1983	886	81%
All CT towns	2786	3793	1007	36%

- **Hartford up 111%, its increase of 405 prisoners accounts for almost 40% of the entire increase.**
- **Hartford's increase was greater than the entire increase for ERG FG towns.**
- **In contrast Waterbury only had an 18% increase.**
- **Note the increases in New Britain, East Hartford, Manchester, Norwich, Middletown, West Hartford, Bloomfield, Naugatuck, Milford.**

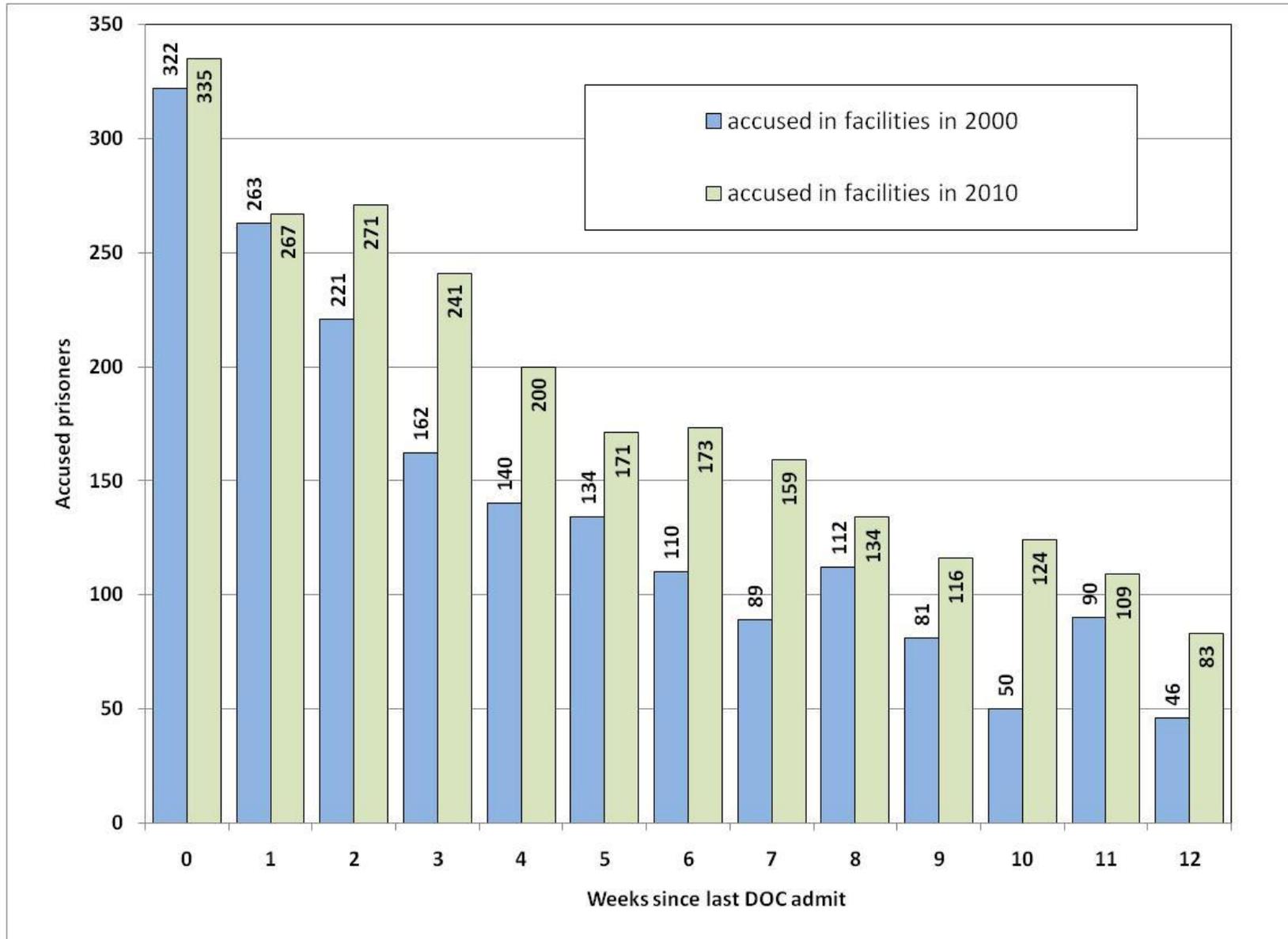
Other large cities

Accused prisoners from other cities

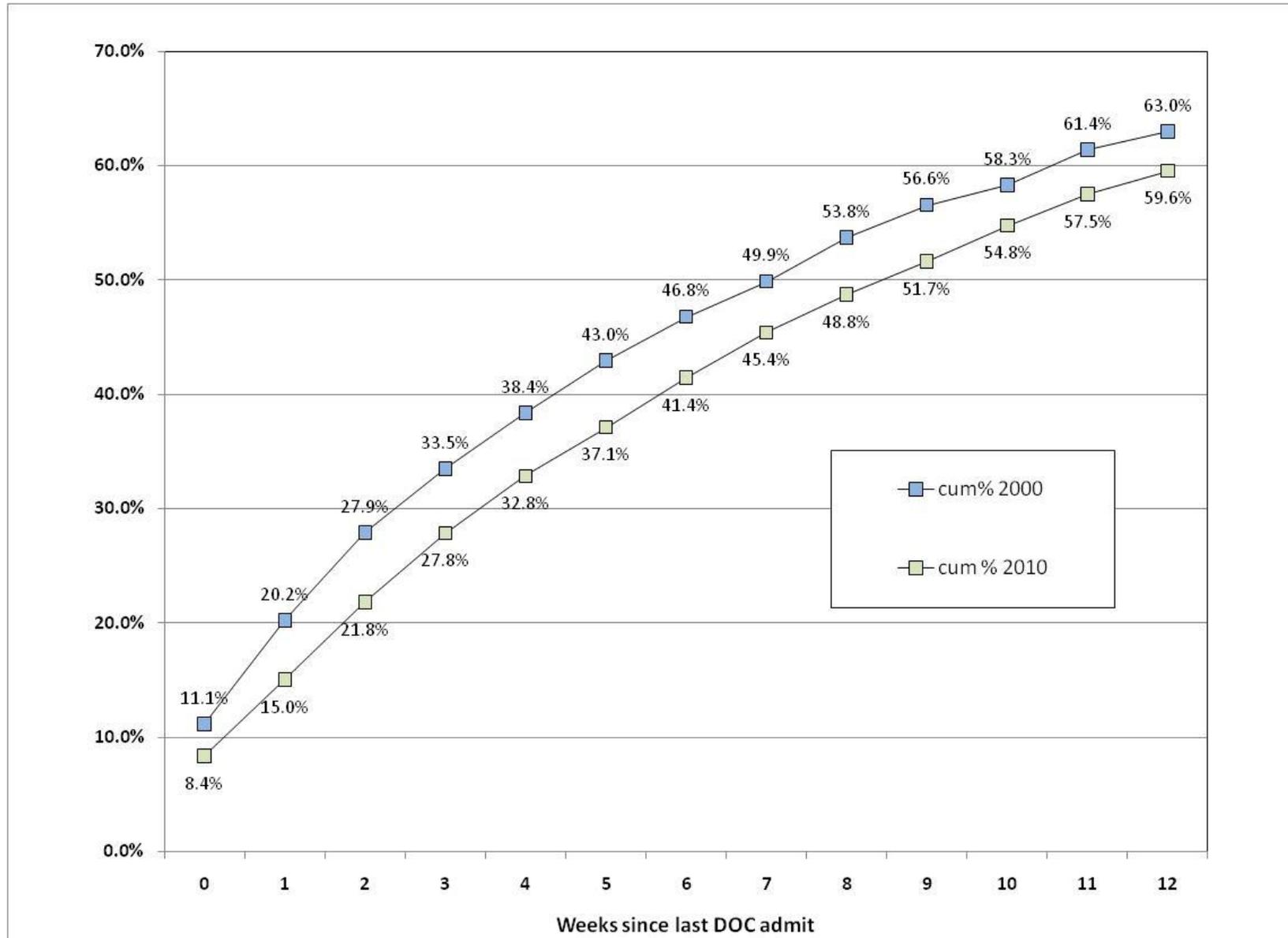
	Accused, 2000	Accused, 2010	Inmate difference	Percent difference
Home town				
New Haven	491	337	-154	-31%
Bridgeport	400	322	-78	-20%
Stamford	125	109	-16	-13%
Norwalk	85	70	-15	-18%
Other 4 cities	1101	838	-263	-24%

- **Not all cities in the state had growth in the accused population.**
- **In fact New Haven saw a 31% decrease and Bridgeport saw a 20% decrease.**
- **The gain in Hartford outpaced the decline recorded in other cities.**
- **The reasons for this are not clear.**

The accused prison population, 2000 and 2010



Lengths of stay have increased in 10 years



Summary

- **The accused population has growth significantly in 10 years (38%)**
- **The accused population is less concentrated in the state's major cities than it was 10 years ago.**
- **Older ring suburbs are seeing rapid growth in the size of their incarcerated populations.**
- **The growth in the accused population in Hartford appears anomalous compared to other major cities.**
- **The increase in the accused population may be related to increases in the average length-of-incarceration for accused inmates. Small, incremental increases can have a strong cumulative effect on the size of the prison population.**

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